[Translation]

Schemes Offered to CSD Canteens

3420. SHRI JAI PRAKASH (Hardoi) : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Colgate Palmolive India Ltd. had floated a scheme of free bathing soap cake with one piece of 100 gm. Colgate toothpaste in September/October 1996;

(b) if so, whether the scheme was offered to the CSD canteens in Delhi; if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any proposal to conduct a survey as to how many companies giving supplies in the CSD have introduced schemes on their products to boost the sales thereof and how many of them also offered the scheme to the CSD canteens in Delhi;

(d) whether there is any proposal to blacklist all those companies which did not give/extend the schemes to the CSD canteens in Delhi and also report the matter to the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission for resorting to unfair trade practices by those companies; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e). As per terms and conditions agreed with the manufacturers/suppliers, they are obliged to inform and offer such scheme to CSD including its Delhi Depot. The CSD also collects such information through other media including Radio, TV, Print/Press etc., about such schemes from time to time. In the event of default on the part of the firm, the CSD is empowered to recover the value of the gift item (s) plus 5% penalty thereon. There is no proposal for blacklisting of the firm and/or referring the matter to MRTP Commission.

[English]

Political Activities in Educational Institutions

3421. SHRI N. DENNIS : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are proposals under consideration of the Government to ban political activities inside the premises of the educational institutions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) At present, no such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Bypass in Ranchi, Bihar

3422. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHAUDHARY : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Union Government propose to construct a Bypass in Ranchi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas in Himachal Pradesh

3423. SHRI SAT MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Kendriya and Navodaya Vidyalayas functioning in Himachal Pradesh at present and the number of Kendriya and Navodaya Vidyalayas proposed to be set up in the State;

(b) whether the State Government has since made necessary land, building and other facilities available for setting up of proposed Kendriya and Navodaya Vidyalayas; and

(c) if so, the time by which the said Vidyalayas are likely to be set up alongwith the details of places thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c). At present 18 Kendriya Vidyalayas and 10 Navodaya Vidyalayas are functioning in Himachal Pradesh. No proposals to set up new Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas in Himachal Pradesh fulfilling the required norms have been received.

[English]

Production in Ordnance Factory, Badmal

3424. SHRI SARAT PATTANAYAK : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the time by which production in Ordnance factory at Badmal area of Balangir in Orissa will commence; and

(b) the reasons for delay in commencent of the plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) Production in